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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

A New or Improved Licence-card Holder for use upon Motor-vehicles and the like.

I, ROBERT CUTHBERT SCOTT JAMIE, British subject, of 42, Clement Street, Birmingham, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

5 This invention relates to a new or improved licence-card holder for use upon motor-vehicles and the like and has for its object to provide a holder which can be mounted upon the operating spindle of the door-catch of the vehicle, thus obviating the necessity of an extra fitting being used to carry the said licence card.

10 According to this invention I provide a licence-card holder for use upon motor-vehicles and the like which is mounted upon the operating spindle of the door-catch of the vehicle, and is combined with or constitutes a handle which operates the said spindle.

15 In carrying the invention into practice the base portion of the holder comprises a hollow circular casing upon the rear face of which a boss is formed integral therewith. This boss has a centrally disposed square hole adapted to fit upon the end of the door catch operating spindle and to be secured thereto by a set-screw or in any other suitable manner.

20 Fitting over the front of the base portion of the holder is a cap member or cover the front wall of which is cut away so as to leave a rim which serves as a means for holding a disc of glass in position against a rubber ring or washer disposed between the inner face of the glass and the circular wall of the base portion.

25 The licence-card is disposed adjacent the inner surface of the glass and is kept pressed against same by a suitable spring or springs operating between a disc of metal or other suitable material lying behind the licence card and the inner face

of the base portion. The cap member is secured to the base portion of the holder by means of set-screws passing diametrically through the annular wall of each member, the said annular walls overlapping when the holder is assembled.

30 Cast or otherwise formed integral with the lower outer periphery of the cap member is a downwardly and forwardly projecting frame member or loop suitably shaped to form a handle for rotating the holder and thus the door-catch operating spindle upon which it is mounted.

35 Instead of providing the holder with a handle as above described the outer periphery of the cap member may be milled, knurled, corrugated or otherwise provided with a gripping surface so that the holder may be used as a knob for opening the door.

40 The glass front of the holder may be of the safety type so that it will not readily be broken in use or it may also be glazed to the cover so as to render the holder weather proof.

45 The aforementioned handle may be formed integral with or secured to the base portion instead of to the cover, but in this case the latter would have to be cut away at suitable points in its periphery in order to pass over the said handle when the holder is assembled.

50 A licence-card holder as above described forms a neat and compact fitment which reveals the licence-card for instant inspection and also obviates the necessity for an extra fitting being secured to the vehicle.

55 Dated this 17th day of January, 1921.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

A New or Improved Licence-card Holder for use upon Motor-vehicles and the like.

I, ROBERT CUTHBERT SCOTT JAMIE, British subject, of 42, Clement Street, Birmingham, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to licence holders for motor vehicles. Usually these holders are in the form of a separate fitment attached to the body or other part of the vehicle, and the object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved form of licence holder in which the same is combined with the door handle of the vehicle, the fitting, which is of a neat and improved appearance, thus serving a double purpose, the use of a separate fitting being avoided.

The invention thus consists of a licence holder for vehicles which is combined with or carries a door handle.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings represents a perspective view of a combined licence holder and door handle constructed in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical section through same, showing the manner in which it is attached to the latch spindle.

Figure 3 shows a back view of same.

Figure 4 represents a vertical section through a modified construction of fitting.

Figures 5 and 6 show perspective views of two further modified forms.

Referring to Figures 1 to 3 of the drawings, the base portion of the licence holder consists of a circular casing comprising a disc 1 having around its outer edge upon its front face an annular flange 2, the outer face of the flange being bevelled or inclined as shown. Formed upon the back of the disc 1 is a central integral boss 3 which is cast around the outer end of the spindle 4 of the door latch. The extremity of the said boss is preferably of a reduced diameter being shouldered at 5, whilst fitted upon the said reduced end up to the shoulder is an escutcheon or rose plate 6 which is secured to the outer face of the door panel by screws or other means, the boss 3 being free to turn within a circular opening in the said

plate or escutcheon which serves as a bearing for same. Fitting over the flange 2 of the casing and engaging closely against its outer periphery is a cover 17. The latter is provided with a circular opening in its front face surrounded by an annular flange or rebate 7, whilst engaging against the latter is a glass disc 8, preferably of triplex glass, the glass being fixed against the flange or rebate by a suitable glazing cement or composition which forms a water tight joint. The licence 9 is fitted against the glass 8 and is backed by a thin metal disc 10, a rubber packing ring 11 being fitted against the back of the latter, the said ring being compressed by the inclined face of the flange 2 of the casing, when the cover 17 is fitted on to the latter. This rubber packing ring ensures that the licence is pressed closely and evenly against the glass and prevents the ingress of wet from the back of the holder. The cover 17 is secured to the flange 2 of the casing by screws 12. Rivetted or brazed to the back of the holder is a handle 13 (see Figure 3) the said handle being of the form shown or of any other suitable shape. By turning the handle 13 the licence holder is turned and owing to the casing of the said holder being secured to the end of the latch spindle 4, the latter is also turned and the latch operated. A neat combined fitting is thus provided which serves as a licence holder and door handle, the use of a separate fitting for carrying the licence being thus avoided.

Instead of the boss 3 of the holder being cast around the end of the spindle 4 it may be brazed or welded thereto, or it may be attached to the spindle by a set-screw or other means.

To avoid the possibility of the licence holder being damaged during the fitting process a separate sleeve or adapter 14 may be brazed to the end of the latch spindle 4, as shown in Figure 4, or it may be cast around the said spindle or secured to same in any other suitable manner. This sleeve or adapter is formed at its outer end with an integral external flange 15 having holes for the reception of screws 16 which are engaged with tapped holes

in the inner face of the disc 1 of the casing, the boss 3 carried by the latter fitting closely upon the sleeve 14, as shown.

5 Instead of the handle 13 being brazed or rivetted to the back of the holder it may be cast integral therewith, or may be secured to same in any other suitable manner. It may be of any suitable shape and may, for example, be shaped as shown in Figure 5 of the drawings.

10 Instead of a handle being attached or integral with the base portion (1), the edge or periphery of the cover 17 of the holder may be formed with transverse ribs or corrugations as shown in Figure 6, or it may be milled or otherwise provided with a gripping surface by means of which the door latch can be readily
15 operated, or a handle of suitable design may be attached to or be integral with the cover 17.

20 The actual construction of the licence holder may be varied as desired, the essential feature of the invention being the combination of the licence holder with the door handle.

25 Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to
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be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A licence holder for vehicles which is combined with or carries a door handle, substantially as described. 35

2. A licence holder for vehicles, as claimed in Claim 1, in which the said licence holder is mounted upon or secured to the door latch spindle, substantially as described. 40

3. In licence holders for vehicles, as claimed in Claims 1 and 2, forming the back of the holder with a boss which is cast around, or welded, brazed or otherwise secured to, the end of the latch spindle, substantially as described. 45

4. In licence holders for vehicles as claimed in Claims 1 and 2, the provision of a sleeve cast around or otherwise secured to the latch spindle and provided with a flange to which the licence holder is attached, substantially as described. 50

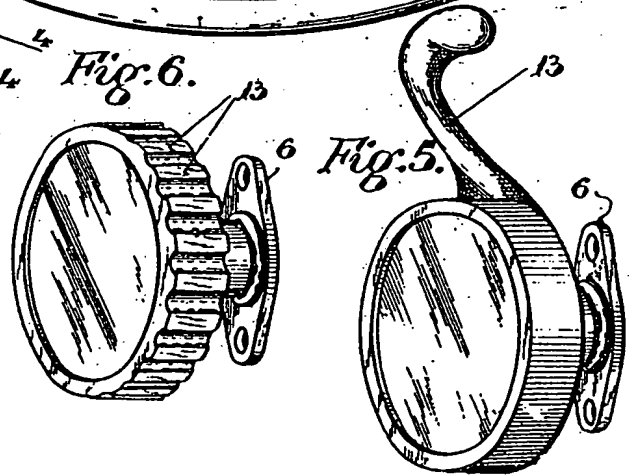
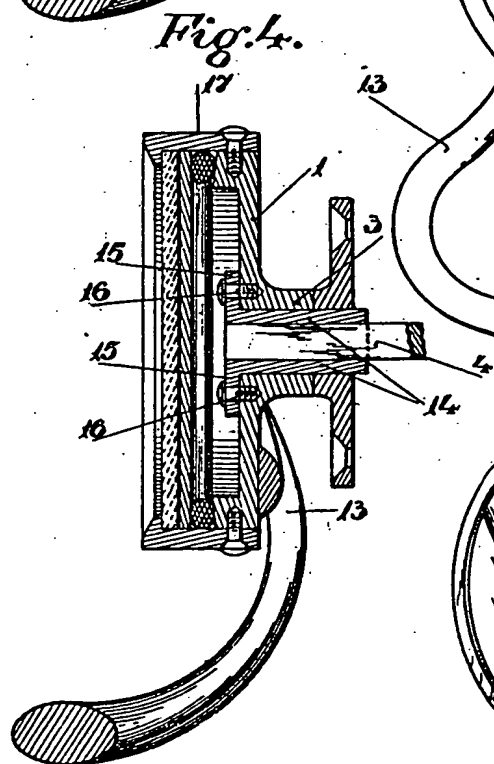
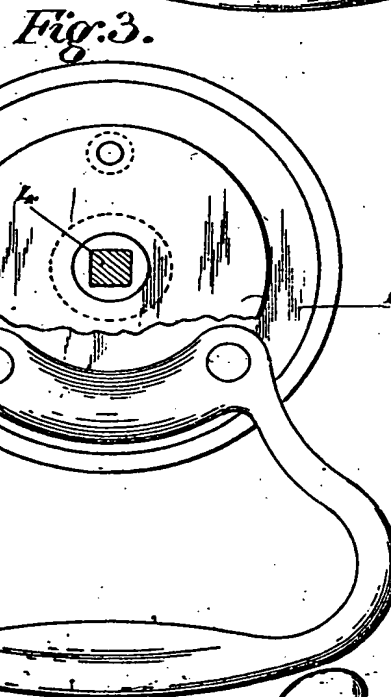
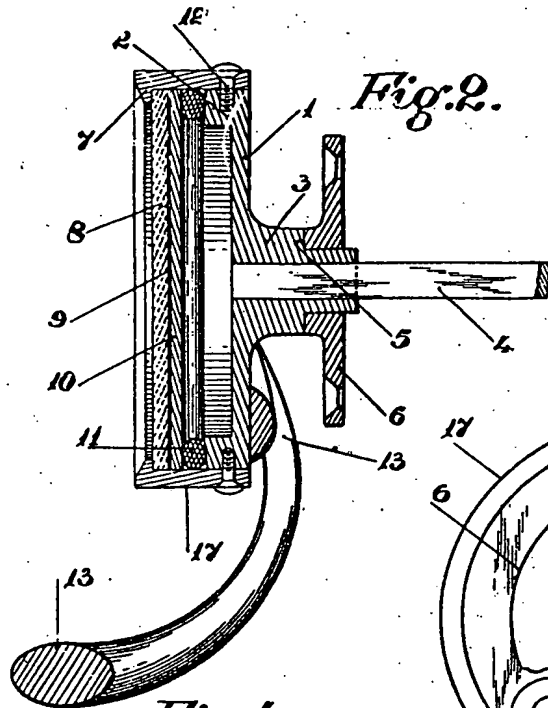
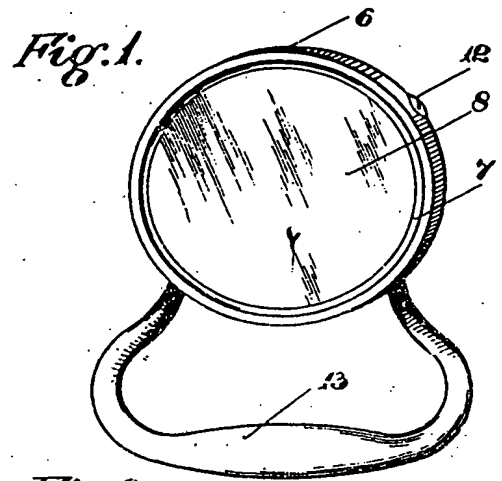
5. The combination of a licence holder with the door handle substantially as herein described and set forth by the accompanying drawings.

Dated this 28th day of September, 1921.

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